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SUBJECT: US ARMS SALE TO YAR

REF: (A) SANAA 826, (B) SANAA 707

1. LETTERS OF OFFER FOR YEMEN ARMS PACKAGE BEING
POUCHED TO SANAA ON MAY 1. PACKAGE CONSISTS OF TWO
ARMY LETTERS OF OFFER (L/OS), AS FOLLOWS: DA CASE UAA
COVERING MACHINE GUNS, ROCKET LAUNCHERS, MORTARS, AND
RECOILLESS RIFLES, WITH SPARES AND SUPPORTING ITEMS,
AT TOTAL ESTIMATED VALUE OF DOLLARS .74 MILLION;
DA CASE UAB COVERING AMMUNITION, AT ESTIMATED VALUE OF
DOLLARS 1.9 MILLION. TERMS ARE CASH IN ADVANCE AND
BOTH L/OS EXPIRE 10 JUNE 1974.

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU PRESENT THESE L/OS TO APPROPRIATE

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YARG REPRESENTATIVES ASAP. IN RELEASING THE LETTERS

OF OFFER TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE YARG YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT EVEN THOUGH IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ABU DHABI HAS AGREED TO FINANCE ALL OR PART OF THE YEMEN ARMS PACKAGE, THE USG BY STATUTE MUST HOLD YEMEN, AS THE PURCHASING GOVERNMENT, LEGALLY LIABLE FOR MEETING ALL PURCHASER COMMITMENTS, INCLUDING FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS AS SPECIFIED UNDER THE "CONDITIONS" ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE LETTERS OF OFFER (DD FORMS 1513). YARG SHOULD MAKE OWN ARRANGEMENTS WITH ABU DHABI FOR MODALITIES OF MEETING THESE PAYMENTS TO THE USG.

3. WE ARE REVIEWING POSSIBILITIES FOR SHORTENING THE LEAD TIMES ON SOME OF THE ITEMS SUCH AS SPARE PARTS. IF SHORTER AVAILABILITY TIMES CAN BE ARRANGED, THE L/OS CAN BE AMENDED BY CABLE.

4. INFO COPIES OF L/O'S ALSO BEING POUCHED TO COL. MURPHREE, KUWAIT, AND TO EMBASSY ABU DHABI. LETTERS FROM ARP ON SUBJECT FOLLOW TO EMBASSIES KUWAIT, ABU DHABI AND SANAA.

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